

Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE &
STRATEGIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE

FROM: Betsy Shotwell

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: October 10, 2012

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF RELEVANT 2013 LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

RECOMMENDATION

Review and accept report on relevant 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles with focus on the Public Safety and Strategic Services City Service Areas.

OUTCOME

Input from the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee will be incorporated into the 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles. After additional Council Committees' review in October and November, the draft document will be forwarded to the Rules and Open Government Committee and the City Council for adoption in December. The Legislative Guiding Principles represents a framework for organizing the City's legislative interests at the federal, state and regional levels. The following key legislative principles form the foundation of the City's advocacy efforts:

- Protect local control;
- Ensure region's competitiveness through strategic economic development;
- Protect and increase local funding; no unfunded mandates;
- Pursue federal and state funding for key efforts;
- Create new financing tools for local government to support economic development and build affordable housing;
- Promote livability, sustainable development, and environmental protection;
- Support efforts to keep San Jose safe;
- Promote investment in infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation.

In addition, the Legislative Guiding Principles serve as guidance for City officials who represent the City on regional, state, and national boards, committees, and commissions when they are asked to review public policy matters.

The Committee may wish to propose new Legislative Guiding Principles or revisit the wording or content of existing Principles. Going forward the full City Council will then have the opportunity to discuss cross-cutting issues. As example, following the outcome of the November elections at both the State and Federal levels, local governments may need to review legislative principles related to protecting city revenues.

BACKGROUND

The Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee work plan for August-December 2012 included the scheduling of relevant Legislative Guiding Principles for 2013 for review and comment. This review allows for a more thorough discussion of legislative principles by Council Committees to advance City policies.

City Service Areas (CSAs) have developed legislative principles that have been consolidated into the City's Legislative Guiding Principles. When finalized, the attached 2013 draft document will continue to serve as the City's legislative values statement, provide a framework for formulating City-sponsored legislation and directing the City's advocacy in support, opposition, or co-sponsoring of state and federal legislation.

Concurrent to the development of 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles, staff is also developing state and federal legislative priorities and advocacy issues for 2013. Following the outcome of Congress' and Sacramento's legislative cycle for this session, staff will be reporting out a set of 2013 Legislative Priorities consisting of actionable issues of high priority for the City. The recommended 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles and Priorities will be forwarded to the Rules and Open Government Committee and the City Council for adoption in December.

ANALYSIS

To assist the City in improving and enhancing the quality of urban life for our residents, the guiding principles concerning public safety, finance and strategic services that have been recommended to be added to the draft 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles to advance these interests are indicated in the attached and fall under the following category:

I. Protect Local Control (New edits underlined):

The City values its ability and authority to exercise local control, enable excellent public services and protect and enhance the quality of life for San José residents and businesses. The City supports efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City and opposes efforts that erode the City's authority to control its own affairs.

III. Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates

Oppose legislation, policies, or budgets that would have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs. Support legislation that aids recovery of City costs stemming from state and federal mandates.

IV. Pursue or Retain Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts

In order to support the City's efforts and key policies to provide quality services, affordable housing, transportation, and public infrastructure for its residents and businesses, it is necessary that the federal and state governments act as partners with local government and provide appropriate levels of funding for these City and regional efforts.

18. Oppose the federal sequestration cuts scheduled to take effect January 2, 2013 and urge a bipartisan and balanced approach to deficit reduction by incorporating spending cuts with additional revenues. If implemented, advocate for the reduction of impacts to local programs.

VII. Support Efforts to Keep San Jose Safe

The City supports legislation and policies that enable local officials to access resources to provide quality police, fire, emergency management, emergency medical services, youth violence prevention initiatives, and to engage the community in its own safety.

13. Increase resources for programs that reduce and control blight and graffiti.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- ☐ **Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater.
(Required: Website Posting)
- ☐ **Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. (Required: E-mail and Website Posting)
- ☐ **Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. (Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)

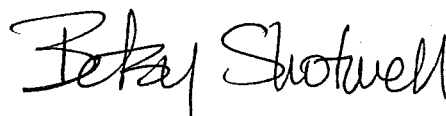
By providing this document to the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee in October, prior to review by the Rules and Open Government Committee and adoption by the City Council, this document will be posted on the City's website with the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee's October 18 meeting agenda and interested public will have additional time to review the draft 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles as proposed/revised in this memorandum.

COORDINATION

The content that was provided in this memo and attachment was coordinated with departments within the Public Safety and Strategic Support CSAs, the City Attorney's Office, the City's Legislative Representative in Sacramento, and the City's federal lobbyist in Washington, D.C., Patton Boggs, LLP.

POLICY ALIGNMENT

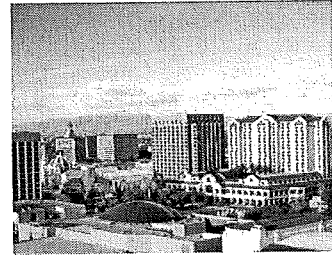
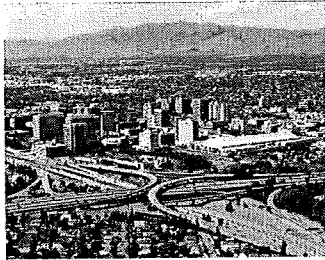
The 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles will further the City's legislative policy goals and form the foundation of the City's efforts to work with our federal and state partners on issues of concern and interest to the City.



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Attachment: City of San Jose draft 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles document with changes underlined.

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City of San José 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles

This document highlights the City's legislative guiding principles. Together with the City's legislative priorities, they form the basis of the City's efforts to work with our federal and state, and regional partners. This document is organized by the following legislative guiding principles:

- **Protect Local Control**

The City values its ability and authority to exercise local control, enable excellent public services and protect and enhance the quality of life for San José residents and businesses. The City supports efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City and opposes efforts that erode the City's authority to control its own affairs.

- **Ensure Region's Competitiveness Through Strategic Economic Development**

The City embraces efforts to obtain funding for economic development and environmental initiatives, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects, the creation of affordable housing, and the creation of a Clean Technology economic sector.

- **Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates**

Oppose legislation, policies, or budgets that have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs. Support legislation that aids recovery of City costs stemming from state and federal mandates.

- **Pursue or Retain Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts**

In order to support the City's efforts and key policies to provide quality services, affordable housing, transportation, and public infrastructure for its residents and businesses, it is necessary that the federal and state governments act as partners with local government and provide appropriate levels of funding for these City and regional efforts.

- **Create New Financing Tools for Local Government to Support Economic Development and Build Affordable Housing**

The City supports legislation and policies that support local initiatives to develop or redevelop the community to strengthen the local and regional economy and to accommodate local workers' housing needs in places close to transit.

- **Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection**

The City values a sustainable quality of life in an urban environment, including child care, aging and youth services, urban parks and open space, recreation facilities, environmental and climate protection, resource conservation, vibrant libraries, arts and culture. The City supports legislation and policies that emphasize sustainable development; improve environmental standards and the regulatory process; provide incentives and financial support for preservation of natural resources; promote sustainable energy policies; and are consistent with the Green Vision.

- **Support Efforts to Keep San José Safe**

The City supports legislation and policies that enable local officials to access resources to provide quality police, fire, emergency management, emergency medical services, youth violence prevention initiatives, and to engage the community in its own safety.

- **Promote Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation**

The City supports legislation and policies that promote investing in the maintenance and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure and build system capacity expansion to support smart growth principles.



Under these Guiding Principles the City's Legislative Activities for 2013 Include:

I. Protect Local Control

The City values its ability and authority to exercise local control, enable excellent public services and protect and enhance the quality of life for San José residents and businesses. The City supports efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City and opposes efforts that erode the City's authority to control its own affairs.

Specifically, the City supports efforts, legislation, and policies that:

1. Protect local government revenues by maintaining local authority over the collection of fees and generation of revenues.
2. Reward cities that routinely provide their fair share of housing, while relieving them of slow, unnecessary, or unproductive regulatory review.
3. Allow greater local control regarding the location and permitting of group homes, while ensuring reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.
4. Protect the rights of cities to develop and manage local integrated waste management facilities, programs, and materials.

5. Promote the ability of cities, in the area of telecommunications, to have control over the collection of fees and raising of revenues through franchise agreements.
6. Protect local decision making in relation to transportation and land-use decisions.
7. Result in an appropriate balance between promoting construction activity and City goals, thus enabling the highest return for capital improvement dollars while making San Jose a city that is attractive and desirable to pursue opportunities for construction activity.
8. Promote a regulatory environment that allows and encourages cities to implement innovative programs to achieve local, state, and national environmental goals.
9. Protect the City's ability to enforce and maintain rent control in mobilehome parks.
10. Promote federal legislation that simplifies the administration and management of tax-exempt debt including the calculation and tracking of private activity.
11. Support continuation of the City of San Jose's Housing Authority Moving to Work designation and ensure that the program meets local housing needs.
12. Protect the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance from challenges so as to integrate housing with a range of incomes throughout San Jose.
13. Support a federal approval process that makes it easier for airports to determine when it is appropriate to implement demand management measures to reduce local air traffic congestion to improve on-time performance.
14. Promote and protect local control and decision making related to the City's fiscal stability and health.

And opposes legislation that:

15. Reduces the authority and/or ability of local government to determine how best to effectively operate local programs, services and activities.
16. Impedes or reduces the ability of local government to make and implement decisions regarding administrative and financial matters reflective of local interests and priorities.

II. Ensure Region's Competitiveness through Strategic Economic Development

The City embraces efforts to obtain funding for economic development and environmental initiatives, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects, the creation of affordable housing, and the creation of a Clean Technology economic sector.

The City supports efforts, legislation, and policies that:

1. Provide resources and incentives for workforce training, job creation, small business development, and research and development, especially for green jobs.
2. Give more flexibility to Workforce Investment Boards and enable WIBs to target services according to local needs.
3. Encourage innovation, spur demand and remove barriers to consumer adoption of clean technologies and sustainable products.
4. Improve methods of assessment, collection and allocation of local revenues, and oppose efforts that threaten the sources and flexibility of existing revenues.

5. Support the implementation of the San José International Airport Terminal Area Improvement Program, Phase II when traffic levels rebound and warrant proceeding with the program.
6. Support legislation that allows for the flexible use or repayment of local agency funds to advance key transportation issues.
7. Support legislation that encourages and/or enhances economic development and/or additional air service at airports and, more specifically, at Mineta San Jose International Airport.
8. Support legislation to capture appropriate tax revenues from airline a la carte pricing to support the federal Airport and Aviation Trust Fund.
9. Support legislation that temporarily or permanently exempts airport bonds from the Alternative Minimum Tax.
10. Provide incentives at the state and federal levels for the creation of manufacturing companies.
11. Supports efforts to attract and retain businesses and create jobs through the Enterprise Zone Program, and oppose efforts that would eliminate or limit the program's effectiveness.

And opposes legislation that:

12. Limit or eliminate the ability of airports to collect existing fees for air and ground services that benefit the public.
13. Undermines San José's competitiveness and the City's revenue base, or that adversely impact San José-based businesses.

III. Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates

Oppose legislation, policies, or budgets that would have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs. Support legislation that aids recovery of City costs stemming from state and federal mandates.

Support initiatives, legislation and policies that:

1. Result in the development and implementation of a plan to address the State's public finance system. Pursue reform and advocate for measures that enhance the City's ability to govern and provide essential services with dedicated local funding sources.
2. Ensure that mandated programs provide administrative funding to offset the local costs.
3. Support the cost of public safety overtime associated with federal actions and mandates.
4. Promote policies that provide a more sustainable and cost-effective delivery of workers' compensation benefits for injured City employees.
5. Provide State funding and efforts that strengthen the monitoring of sex offenders.
6. Ensure sufficient funding for security efforts, and law enforcement, including funding for staffing, facilities, training and equipment.
7. Support State and Federal transportation funding mechanisms and support legislation to reduce the approval of taxes and bonds for transportation and infrastructure funding measures to less than two-thirds majority.
8. Support state and federal aviation legislation, policies, funding and activities with the objective of : Securing funding that will support Airport development; improving airport safety, security and convenience; increasing the Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) ceiling rate; Maintaining and increasing funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP); Allowing airports greater

flexibility in the use of locally-generated revenues, PFC's and AIP funding; Ensuring federal capital and operating programs are funded by stable and predictable revenue streams.

9. Promote a national aviation policy that provides airports with: 1) long-term funding stability; 2) more local empowerment; 3) flexible, adequate funding sources; 4) reduced need for debt financing and reduced debt financing cost; and 5) streamlined approval processes.
10. Pursue and support legislative efforts that curb and/or control the escalating cost of employer provided healthcare and encourage competition.
11. Through grants, support and reimburse the cost of any state-mandated seismic retrofits of single residential or multi-family building structures and mobilehomes determined as vulnerable or unsafe by local, state, or federal government-sanctioned structural engineers.

IV. Pursue or Retain Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts

In order to support the City's efforts and key policies to provide quality services, affordable housing, transportation, and public infrastructure for its residents and businesses, it is necessary that the federal and state governments act as partners with local government and provide appropriate levels of funding for these City and regional efforts.

1. Create, protect and maximize San Jose's funding from federal programs that promote the creation of affordable housing, and fund community development.
2. Create a new permanent source of funds for affordable housing at the state level, and create new regional funding sources for housing.
3. Support legislation and programs that help home-owners at-risk of undergoing foreclosures, and that give more resources to local governments to provide foreclosure assistance and to restore the livability of communities hurt by foreclosures.
4. Support legislation that achieves consistency between federal and state affordability requirements to maintain the financial feasibility of affordable rental developments.
5. Increase California's conforming loan limits and FHA multifamily loan limits.
6. Seek funding for storm water Best Management Practices in parks and open space facilities.
7. Preserve and pursue California's and San José's share of federal and state transportation funding, as well as increase overall investment to meet the needs for system preservation and improvement.
8. Seek funding for the implementation of the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, including master planning and zoning efforts to facilitate mixed-use transit oriented urban development and development of complete communities.
9. Seek funding for the development, operations and maintenance of a balanced parks and recreation system to serve the residents of San Jose.
10. Seek federal and state funding for the build out and repair of the City's Green Vision Goal #10 of 100 miles of interconnected trail systems.
11. Provide funding for library construction activities and enhanced library services.
12. Enable the construction of high quality child care centers and improve the professional development and training of early childhood educators.
13. Pursue transportation policies that support flexibility for local agencies, "state of good repair," metropolitan mobility/urban priority, highway safety, and streamlining project delivery.

including timely reauthorization of the Federal transportation bill. (The current bill, MAP 21 is set to expire in September 2014).

14. Facilitate new transportation funding mechanisms to offset declining gas tax revenues associated with mandated improvement to fuel efficiency.
15. Provide rewards in the form of funding for transportation, affordable housing, parks and other infrastructure to communities that have the largest share of Regional Housing Need Allocations (RHNA)
16. Support efforts that promote regional transit priorities (California High Speed Rail, BART, Caltrain, Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit and Diridon Station Expansion.) Additionally, support roadway/interchange improvements, bikeways, pedestrian enhancements and emerging technologies, along with the necessary funding sources.
17. Restore Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding to assist with purchase of necessary equipment to perform law enforcement functions.
18. Seek legislation and funding opportunities through market driven mechanisms, such as the state's Cap and Trade program that may provide revenues for City priority projects and programs that offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG).
19. Oppose the federal sequestration cuts scheduled to take effect January 2, 2013 and urge a bipartisan and balanced approach to deficit reduction by incorporating spending cuts with additional revenues. If implemented, advocate for the reduction of impacts to local programs.
20. Support legislation and/or policies that require CBP to share information with local airports on how CBP is staffed and funded as well as urge/required the increased the increased use of technology by CBP to speed the processing of foreign visitors.

V. Create New Financing Tools for Local Governments to support Economic Development and Build Affordable Housing

The City supports legislation and policies that support local initiatives to develop or redevelop the community to strengthen the local and regional economy and to accommodate local workers' housing needs in places close to transit.

The City supports legislation and policies that provides for financing sources to assist in: the continued revitalization of downtown, and neighborhood business districts; establishing incentives for businesses to create new jobs; the creation of new affordable housing; and building infrastructure projects in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

1. Preserve and augment the City's Housing Asset Fund (a.k.a. the 20% Housing Set-Aside) that support the creation of vitally-needed affordable housing.
2. Support increased flexibility in redevelopment law that allows a regional approach to the delivery of affordable housing resources to our residents.
3. Support legislation that clarifies and supports reasonable interpretation of Housing Successors' responsibilities, in light of diminished resources.
4. Support efforts to stimulate economic development activities that fund the investment projects that help both the local and State economy by producing a net positive economic gain of creating and retaining jobs, attracting and retaining businesses, and attracting private investment into blighted neighborhoods.

VI. Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection

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The City supports legislation and policies that promote livability, sustainable development, and environmental protection and specifically that:

1. Advance initiatives and secures funding to address climate change, and supports San Jose's Green Vision efforts to become a Sustainable City, through Green Building initiatives, water recycling and reuse, pollution prevention practices, water and energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction, and regional, state and global initiatives (e.g. Urban Environmental Accords.)
2. Enact Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) statewide and nationally.
3. Protect the environment through conservation and, preservation of natural resources, habitat, and improving the health of local watersheds.
4. Streamline the CEQA process, to promote infill and high-density housing and employment near public transportation or corridors.
5. Promote research, development, production and procurement of environmentally preferable goods, services, and transportation.
6. Support the implementation of revised poverty formula into federal housing and social service funding formulas, which provides a more accurate account of the City's high cost of living and the ability of families to meet their basic needs.
7. Promote Housing Element reform and addresses regional planning and land-use issues of concern to San Jose.
8. Address infrastructure regulation and funding for improvements in mobilehome parks that serve low-income households and increases the States oversight and funding for these issues.
9. Provide funding to facilitate the development of affordable/mixed-income residential development in transit corridors at transit stations.
10. Provide funding for retrofitting of weatherization for multifamily housing, single-family housing, mobilehomes and commercial development.
11. Serve San Jose's homeless populations by enabling the City to implement the Housing First model, supports the goals of Destination: Home, and advocates for more tenant-based and project-based Section 8 vouchers to house this vulnerable population.
12. Support funding to address homeless encampment issues along local creeks.
13. Support source reduction and increased recycling and composting in order to achieve Zero Waste.
14. Support new legislative or regulatory initiatives to develop environmental regulations and standards that consider cross-media transfer of pollutants from one medium to another and cross media impacts (e.g. shifting impacts from water to soil or air.)

15. Facilitate efforts that provide greater flexibility for installing renewable energy projects (e.g. solar PPA's) on municipal and community sites, including financing mechanisms, tax and/or private activity exemptions and environmental streamlining.
16. Support efforts that provide greater flexibility for the successful delivery of transportation projects including innovative project management tools, as well as environmental streamlining.
17. Provide funding for transportation, trail systems, parks, libraries and other infrastructure that supports infill and higher density housing and employment, as well as Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).
18. Provide funding for programs throughout the City that promote health and wellness, increase access to local organic foods, increase physical activity and ensure proper nutrition and nutrition services to improve seniors' and children's individual health.
19. Provide funding for the preservation of open space and the acquisition of parkland in park deficient and low-income communities and adjusts for the high cost of living in the Bay Area.
20. Facilitate collaboration between cities and schools to increase community use of facilities.
21. Promote access to affordable health care for seniors and youth.
22. Promote "producer-pays" and secondarily "user-pays" policies as they relate to costs associated with handling, recycling, and disposal of hazardous and/or universal waste materials, or handling or clean-up of litter.
23. Maintain a city's ability to manage the location of growth, such as Urban Growth Boundaries and other techniques.
24. Provide funding for sports, aquatics and other recreational facilities and programs and seeks funding to ensure the continued provision of recreation based services to children, youth, adults and persons with disabilities.
25. Seek federal and state funding and supports legislation that: Furthers the development of a vibrant arts and cultural sector; Promotes visual and performing arts education and fosters lifelong arts and cultural learning in the arts; Fosters high quality art design in urban planning; Promotes the creative industries, including creative entrepreneurs and the commercial creative sector; Supports the availability of diverse cultural spaces and places throughout the community.
26. Provide funding for library services, materials, and facilities to ensure equal access to information and lifelong learning for all San Jose residents.
27. Support adult and family literacy services that increase the self-sufficiency of families and improve the educational achievement of children.
28. Promote quality early education programs for young children and addresses the need for increased early care options to meet the needs of San Jose families.
29. Support multimodal travel including public transit, biking, and walking; enhance community livability; and promote sustainable compact development.
30. Provide funding for integrated land-use planning, mixed-use development, and dense, compact development, especially as it relates to reversing inefficient, low-density, sprawl development in suburban regions.
31. Provide financial and/or tax incentives to the public and private sector that supports the development installation and use of renewable energy, particularly solar energy.
32. Support changes to national and state transportation design standards promoting Envision 2040 goals related to complete streets and bicycle facilities, which allows for the design and construction of innovative projects.

VII. Support Efforts to Keep San José Safe

The City supports legislation and policies that enable local officials to access resources to provide quality police, fire, emergency management, emergency medical services, youth violence prevention initiatives, and to engage the community in its own safety.

Support legislation and policies that:

1. Provide opportunities for community policing and public safety education programs.
2. Secure or protect ongoing funding for Homeland Security and emergency management efforts to enable the City, as a local first responder, to effectively respond to all forms of emergencies and disasters.
3. Provide ongoing support for proposals related to interoperability of voice/data communications systems for Police and Fire.
4. Increase prevention and intervention based recreation services that deter gang involvement and involve youth in positive alternatives.
5. Seek federal and state funding to help with public safety throughout the parks, trail systems and recreation system through the use of Park Rangers.
6. Promote transportation safety and security for all modes including traffic calming within neighborhoods, safe routes to school for children, and increased local authority to set effective traffic control practices and local streets.
7. Provide innovative funding sources to increase enforcement and safety measures on local streets as well as provides funding to provide transportation safety education.
8. Promote technologies that provide for the increased safety of road users including, pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.
9. Increase resources that effectively address and assist individuals impacted by domestic violence through prevention, education, and intervention programs and services.
10. Further deploy a nationwide 700 MHz Interoperability Public Safety Broadband Network to ensure multi-jurisdiction communication that is fundamental to a swift and full recovery as well as sustaining public confidence during a time of crisis.
11. Urge federal Drug Enforcement, and the Food and Drug Administrations to remove marijuana from Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act of 1970.
12. Provide technology and resources to engage our community in creating clean and safe neighborhoods.
13. Increase resources for programs that reduce and control blight and graffiti.

VIII. Promote Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation

The City supports legislation and policies that promote investing in the maintenance and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure and build system capacity expansion to support smart growth principles. Ideally such legislation would:

1. Promote legislation and policies that increase local control of utility infrastructure.
2. Fund infrastructure, construction, repair and replacement of flood control and storm drainage systems, potable and recycled water systems, energy efficiency and renewable energy infrastructure, sanitary sewer systems, and waste water treatment facilities in all areas of San Jose.
3. Ensure adequate funding of Water Pollution Control Plant infrastructure needs.
4. Encourage public utility companies to prioritize and efficiently maintain and construct underground projects.
5. Enable the development and protection of transportation funding for the maintenance, repair and operations of local streets, trail systems and roads.
6. Provide funding for improvements and restoration of aging infrastructure in the existing parks, urban open spaces, and other recreational facilities.
7. Reduce the legal barriers to the establishment of assessment districts to allow for greater flexibility with the creation of districts for maintenance and infrastructure opportunities.
8. Support creation of a federal Infrastructure Bank and broader eligible uses for state Infrastructure Financing Districts to finance local infrastructure projects, including transportation, water, energy, affordable housing, and other uses.
9. Invest in the maintenance and infrastructure upgrades to the Airport, building facilities (e.g. libraries, public safety), and technology, including communications.